

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-3473, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Palmetto Solar, LLC, for a)	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	AND ACCEPTING
Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar)	REGISTRATION OF NEW
Facility in Duplin County, North Carolina)	RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 24, 2014, Palmetto Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(b) seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1 for construction of a 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Duplin County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

On April 1, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On May 8, 2014, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. Because of the nature of the comments, the cover letter indicated that no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

On September 8, 2014, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Kinston Free Press stating that the publication of notice was completed on July 19, 2014. No complaints have been received.

Also on September 8, 2014, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application was provided to DEP on March 18, 2014 and a copy of the public notice was provided to DEP on September 3, 2014. September 3, 2014, is after the first date that the notice was published. DEP has advised the Public Staff that it had sufficient notice of the Applicant's project so that it was not prejudiced by the Applicant's failure to serve DEP with a timely copy of the public notice, and it has agreed to waive its right to timely service of the notice.

On October 9, 2014, the Applicant filed a registration statement for the new renewable energy facility. A revised registration statement was subsequently filed on October 20, 2014. The revised registration statement included the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b).

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on November 3, 2014. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b). Therefore, the Public Staff recommended issuance of the requested certificate and acceptance of the registration statement for the facility.

Based upon the foregoing, and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application, issue the requested certificate, and accept the registration statement. The Applicant should annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year and will be required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECS.

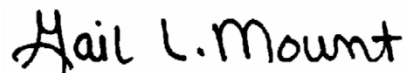
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application filed by Palmetto Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Palmetto Solar, LLC, for the 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located in Duplin County at 148 Pete Smith Lane, Pink Hill, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Palmetto Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Duplin County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Palmetto Solar, LLC, annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of November, 2014.

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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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Palmetto Solar, LLC
227 Southside Drive, Suite B
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is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO G.S. 62-110.1**

for a 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

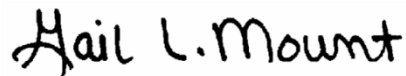
in Duplin County at 148 Pete Smith Lane,
Pink Hill, North Carolina,

subject to all orders, rules, regulations and conditions
as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made
by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

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This the 4th day of November, 2014.

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